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SUBJECT: ECONADS: JULY 6-8 REINFORCED MEETING ON SOVIET
GNP AND MILITARY EXPENDITURES

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1. ECONOMIC DIRECTORATE HAS CIRCULATED AS AC/127 WORKING PAPERS FRENCH UNCLASSIFIED CONTRIBUTION ON SOVIET GNP (THUS FAR AVAILABLE ONLY IN THAT LANGUAGE) AND UK UNCLASSIFIED PAPER ON "USSR-GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT AND DEFENSE EXPENDITURE 1965 AND 1970-75". UK ECONAD (HULSE) HAS CIRCULATED ADVANCE COPIES OF DEI SECRET REPORT ON "SOVIET MILITARY EXPENDITURES 1966-1976" WHICH, WHEN GRAPHICS REACH HERE, WILL BE REPRODUCED AS ECONOMIC COMMITTEE WORKING PAPER. WE UNDERSTAND FROM HULSE THAT DEI HAS ALREADY SENT COPIES OF THESE, PLUS MORE SENSITIVE VERSION WHICH THEY DO NOT PROPOSE TO SURFACE IN ECONADS, VIA LIAISON CHANNELS TO OER-WHITEHOUSE AND OSR-BURT.

2. UK CONCLUSION IS THAT 1976 SOVIET DEFENSE
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EXPENDITURE (NATO DEFINITION) AT 55 BILLION ROUBLES, WAS 11 PER CENT OF 482 BILLION ROUBLE GNP, BUT BY BROADER SOVIET DEFINITION DEFENSE COSTS WERE PROBABLY AT LEAST 15 PER CENT OF GNP. THEY FORESEE A 4 PER CENT PER ANUM (OR LESS) REAL GROWTH OF GNP, AND SOME DECREASE IN RATE OF GROWTH OF MILITARY EXPENDITURES TO ABOUT 4 PER CENT PER

ANUM.

3. EXPERTS THUS FAR ANNOUNCED FOR JULY MEETING
ARE CHAMBERLIN AND HILL OF DEI AND FINN LANDSVERK,
COUNSELLOR AT NORWEGIAN HIGH COMMAND.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: WE WOULD APPRECIATE IN TIME
FOR JUNE 23 ECONADS AN UPDATE ON LIKELY AVAILABILITY
OF US CONTRIBUTIONS (REFTEL, PARA 3, B) AND NAMES
OF US EXPERTS. AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WE WOULD LIKE
INFORMATION ON THEIR TRAVEL PLANS, GS GRADES
(OR EQUIVALENTS), NATO CLEARANCE DATA, AND
HOTEL PREFERENCES. STREATOR

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